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Dear friend & classmate. S. C.

Thank you for your affection-  
ate & faithful letters, which I  
read last night, for the first  
time. I would that I had even  
a day-hour to answer them  
fully. All I can say now, is  
to assure you again, - that if  
any thing has passed between our  
friends & me, I long to dispel  
the fog, by a word of bright Truth  
and Love. They may trust me.  
I shall no more in the future,  
than I have done in the past,

follow any fellow beings course  
- but always my own. But under  
that leading, I am the friend of  
the "Abolitionists" of the Abolitionists  
as I always have been. Read the  
first letter I ever printed to  
Garrison in the "Liberator" of  
May or June 1844, - if you wish  
to know my present mind. You  
or disagree with me, - you will  
find, from first to last I have  
been unwaveringly consistent. Let  
old friends put more faith in  
an old friend. You shall hear  
from me soon, I trust. Meanwhile God  
bless you. Your cordial friendship  
F. A. C.